



Newsletter

March 2018

Spring is here (hopefully - you never know with this wonderful and ever-changing British weather we are experiencing!) The children have been very busy this month preparing for Easter with lots of spring stories, nature and craft activities. We have had a busy month for stay and play sessions and it has been wonderful to welcome so many parents and Grandparents into nursery to have fun with their children/grandchildren. Mother's Day Breakfast was also a lovely occasion with treats for the Mummy's and cuddles from their little ones!



Our team

Congratulations to our staff member of the month for March - our wonderful manager Vikki has been voted staff member of the month for the SECOND MONTH RUNNING! That's because she is simply amazing and all the staff appreciate this!! Well done Vikki! Staff comments included "She is such a wonderful manager" and "Vikki is totally committed to her role" - such lovely comments for such a lovely person, I'm sure you will agree.

We are delighted to announce that we have a new member of staff who will be starting with us on Thursday 29th March, Victoria Maddock. We have been busy interviewing lots of super candidates (we are very picky as you know!) and Victoria was delighted to accept the role of Nursery Assistant

working 4 long days excluding Wednesday. She is very excited to start with us and for the first few weeks Victoria will be gaining experience throughout all rooms within the nursery to get to know all of the staff, children and parents.

NDNA Awards

The closing date for voting for the NDNA awards (National Day Nursery Association) is 30th March so we are hoping to hear back from the judges soon to see if we have been shortlisted for the 2 awards we have entered. Our sincere thanks to parents for taking the time to vote for us in the awards - we were extremely humbled to read such heart warming comments about our nursery and staff. We will let you know as soon as we have any news on this - the ceremony is later in the year and we are keeping our fingers crossed that we will get through to the final. Sarah Griffiths was delighted to get through to the final last year and of course went on to win the title Practitioner of The Year which was a fantastic achievement!

Babies - News from the baby room

This month babies have been very busy celebrating Easter with lots of fun activities, lots of the involving messy play and heuristic play! They enjoyed lots of green activities for St. Patrick's Day and physical activities for Sports Relief. They won't let the bad weather beat them either and managed to bring in the baby slide to ensure children were getting their bodies moving and developing their physical skills.

Babies loved exploring the snow, especially when the staff brought some inside in a messy tray - very convenient! They have had 2 new babies starting and said a fond farewell to Dexter who is moving up to toddlers.

In April the babies have planned some trips to the park so roll on the sunshine!

Sarah, Niamh and Nina :)

Toddlers - News from the toddler room

The toddler room has been very busy re-organising and freshening up their room with some new resources and they are very pleased with the end result - please feel free to pop in and they can show you their new layout, we think it's even better than before!

They have also enjoyed celebrating Easter and St. Patrick's Day and thoroughly enjoyed Sports Relief week - dancing, climbing, singing, sliding to name a few activities! Their running races in the garden were a firm favourite by all. The children enjoyed their stay and play session in the garden which involved lots of messy play with sand, water, foam and flour!

In April they are looking forward to a trip to the park and will be growing some cress from seeds too.

Debi, Tasha and Jeny

Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

Pre-School have been busy this month discussing different celebrations - Easter, St. Patrick's Day and Mother's Day. The Pre-School parents thoroughly immersed themselves in the Easter craft and stay and play sessions which was wonderful to see. Our topic has been all about the world - exploring nature, discussion people and communities and plants and growth. World Down Syndrome Day was also a fantastic day full of activities for the children - making sock puppets, singing using Makaton signs (google "Singing Hands" to see a demonstration of this).

Our new topic will be all about Peter Rabbit - some of you may have already seen the new film - I can highly recommend it! We look forward to lots of lovely activities in this topic and will report back next month.

Terri, Ceri, Julie and Georgia.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 30th March and Monday 2nd April - Nursery closed for bank holidays. HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE

Tuesday 10th April - Teddy Bears Picnic - please can children bring a teddy to nursery today to enjoy a picnic in the garden.

Monday 16th April - a group of Pre-School children will be walking to Sunrise Care Home each week to sing, dance and play with Tracey from Boogie Beats with the residents at Sunrise.

Tuesday 17th April - Kick Starters Football classes will be taking place every Tuesday for toddlers and pre-school children (30 minute session each in the garden)

Please could we ask you to.....

Outdoor Play

As you all know we play in our lovely garden every day, whatever the weather so please can we ask for you to ensure all children have wellies and **waterproof** coats as the weather can be unpredictable and children love splashing in our puddles! Thanks for your co-operation with this. Even though it's spring it is still pretty chilly so children also need hats and gloves to keep them lovely and warm during their outdoor adventures. Please label these with your child's name to avoid confusion.

Spare Clothes

Please can we ask parents to pack a bag with at least 2 changes of clothes (including underwear and **socks**) as the children often get very messy during activities at nursery and need to have a full change of outfit!

Car Parking

Please can we ask parents to use the car park for dropping children off or picking them up at the end of the day whenever possible? We have been asked by the council to ensure that parents are using the car park rather than the road when there are spaces available within the car park so we would appreciate your co-operation with this. It also helps to keep our neighbours happy! Thank you.

Any questions or anything we can help you with please feel free to speak to a member of our team or you can send us an email to enquiries@therailwaynursery.co.uk.

The Railway Nursery Team